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Applicant

Peter HEINRICH, et al.

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: Katherine BAREFORD

Docket No.

: 038724.52851US

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Title

: Cooking Utensils with Thermally Sprayed Coating and

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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- 3) On February 5, 2004, Applicants filed a Status Request for the Application, based on the fact that no correspondence had been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants did not receive a reply to this Status Request. A copy of the Status Request is also enclosed.
- 4) On May 5, 2004, Applicants filed a Second Status Request based on the fact that no correspondence had been received. Applicants did not receive a reply to the Second Status Request. A copy of the Second Status Request is also enclosed.
- 5) On May 20, 2004, Applicants contacted the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by phone, and were informed of the Notice of Missing Parts having the mailing date of February 5, 2004. A copy of the Notice, along with the filing receipt, was faxed to Applicants.
- 6) During the May 20, 2004 phone conversation, Applicants verified that the Office has the correct mailing address for Applicants.
- 7) On May 24, 2004, Applicants filed a Reply to Notice of Missing Parts. Based on the mailing date of February 5, 2004, Applicants petitioned for a two-month extension. The required fee for the two-month extension was paid using check No. 267482. A copy of the fee transmittal, petition for extension of time, and the check are enclosed.

8) Applicants have a detailed docketing procedure to document and record all incoming correspondence from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants have no record of receiving the Notice of Missing Parts having the mailing date of February 5, 2004.

As detailed above, Applicants made reasonable and diligent efforts to inquire about the status of the above-referenced application. The Office has the correct mailing address for Applicants, so Applicants should have received any correspondence sent by the Office. Applicants also have a detailed docketing procedure to insure that all incoming correspondence is tracked and recorded. However, Applicants did not receive the Notice to File Missing Parts for the above-referenced matter.

Applicants request a refund of the two-month extension fee paid in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts having a mailing date of February 5, 2004. Based on the above, applicants' delay in responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts was unavoidable, as Applicants never received the Notice. Applicants were also diligent in following up with the Office when no correspondence was received. Thus, the delay in responding to the Notice occurred through no fault of the Applicants.

If there are any questions regarding this Request for Refund or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038724.52851US).

Respectfully submitted,

December 16, 2004

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 ~

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by two months pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §

A check in the amount of \$420.00 is submitted herewith in payment of the required extension fee. This amount is believed to be correct, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038724.52851US). A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND STATUS REQUEST FOR FILING RECEIPT AND NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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The above-identified application was filed on November 5, 2003. Since that time, the only communication we have received from the U.S. Patent Office regarding the above-identified application is the stamped return postcard indicating the serial number for the application. Our records indicate that we have not received either 1) an Official Filing Receipt or 2) the Notice to File Missing Requirements in reference to the aboveidentified application. A copy of the postcard showing receipt of the application, date stamped by the U.S. Patent Office on November 5, 2003, is attached herewith. Please advise the undersigned of the status of the application.

It would be appreciated if the undersigned was telephoned in the event there are any questions related to this Status Request or the application in general.

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